institutions like village panchayats and NGOs; identify feasible size of generating units for different fuels, which are locally available, and for mini and micro hydel projects; suggest type of technologies to be adopted for setting up local distribution networks with or without connectivity to the Grid and to cover at least 25% of the villages in the country under the Mission, and to access fund requirements for the next two Plans.

Power unit in Nabi Nagar, Bihar

†875. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to set up power generating unit in Nabi Nagar in Aurangabad district of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Presently there is proposal to set up an indigenous coal based power project of 1000 MW capacity in Joint Venture at Nabi Nagar, District Aurangabad, Bihar between National Thermal Power Corporation and Railways with the objective to meet the traction and non-traction requirement of power for Railways. The setting up of the project shall depend on establishment of its techno-economic viability through site specific studies and preparation of requisite Detailed Feasibility Report in this regard.

Thermal Power Station in Barh, Bihar

†876. SHRI GAYA SINGH:Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a big Thermal Power Station is being set up in Barh in Bihar by NTPC;

(b) by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the details of the number of labourers who will be employed on its completion?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Barh Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) (3x660 MW) has been identified as a Mega Power;Project to be implemented by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Patna district of Bihar by early 11th Plan. NTPC had submitted the Feasibility Report for this project to various statutory agencies and key clearances like environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests and Techno-Economic Clearance from Central Electricity Authority has been obtained.

(c) The manpower requirement depends on various factors including the nature of technology involved in the project.

Less production of power than installed capacity

†877. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Eastern Region of power sector in the country, production of power is less than its installed capacity;

(b) if so, the capacity of hydel power production in this region;

(c) the number of power projects (Plants) set up in this region till December, 2002 alongwith the production capacity of plants; and

(d) the percentage of annual production on power out of their installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. Generation from the power plants located in Eastern Region is less than the installed capacity because of less demand in the region. However, 1200-1300 MW during peak period and about 2000 MW during off-peak period are being exported from Eastern Region to other regions.

(b) The installed capacity of hydro generating plants in the Eastern Region is 2459 MW.

(c) 38 Power Plants (25 MW and above) with installed capacity of 15,420 MW and another 776 MW comprising small/mini/micro/diesel/wind energy plants have been set up till December, 2002 in Eastern Region.

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